

Getting Out from all of those Loose Ends as a teenager . . .
 Acting would so help him to mend . . .
 sending Streamers to his heart!
 Giving him his passion,
 at what his star studded career would so fashion . . .
 As Orphans so made it happen when upon a stage he got his start!
 But, ROCK AND ROLL was always part of his very soul!
 So he plays in a band called The Lt. Dan Band,
 in the states or whenever he can go overseas to do his part!
 Home or abroad,
 it's his love for our Military that's really in his heart!
 For there's one thing for sure,
 he bleeds RED, WHITE, BLUE all the more . . .
 Because GARY is a PATRIOTIC AMERICAN through and through!
 Traveling through battle zones,
 as he's so fast becoming Bob Hope's clone!
 All in harm's way for all those all alone with his Band,
 with the Honor of bringing our Troops and all our Heroes back home!
 For we know not our final end,
 as all of those tears of joy to which he brings our finest of all women and men . . .
 A respite for weary TROOPS,
 giving something for them to hold onto and homesickness the boot!
 In life, are we listening?
 While, all in those moments which lie before us are so glistening?
 What we should do?
 For we all have only moments here in time,
 for we all have just minutes in these our short lifetimes!
 So what is it which makes all of our hearts shine true?
 If only we are lucky enough to find,
 our true love and our life's passion so fine!
 Then everyday is like Christmas . . .
 like "SINISE NAVIDAD" we will find!

Written in honor of A Great American Actor and Patriot, who has touched so many hearts, bringing comfort to all our Troops and their families—Gary Sinise.

TRIBUTE TO THE BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Burbank Community YMCA upon its ninetieth anniversary.

The YMCA is an extraordinary organization that has been strengthening communities across the nation since 1851 and has members of all ages and backgrounds. The YMCA invented volleyball, brought the Boy Scouts organization to the U.S., was instrumental with helping launch organizations such as the Red Cross, and is the nation's largest provider of child care.

The Burbank Community YMCA, founded in 1924, began in a single room and now boasts an impressive 57,000 square foot health and activities center and an 18,000 square foot Child Development Center. In 1932, through fundraising and capital campaigns, the Burbank Y membership purchased the First Baptist Church, which served as an all-purpose building, and also received its charter as an

independent YMCA association. Throughout the years, the Burbank Y has significantly expanded the facilities, by adding the aquatics center and indoor pool in 1957, a three-story physical fitness facility in 1976, and the Y's Choice Cafe in 2008, to provide healthy refreshments as well as a social gathering area.

The Burbank Community YMCA has a wide array of programs to help individuals, families, and children reach their full potential, and become stronger in spirit, mind and body. Programs include family, adult and senior fitness, youth sports such as basketball, aquatics, martial arts and gymnastics, and classes in the arts, such as music and dance. Offering the opportunity to build strength of character and body in an encouraging environment is what makes the Burbank YMCA such an essential and beloved institution.

For the past 90 years, the Burbank Y has provided members of the community the opportunity to become stronger mentally and physically and has helped people make a positive difference in their own lives. The residents of Burbank are fortunate to have such a venerable institution in their community.

I ask all Members to join me in commending the Burbank Community YMCA for ninety years of care and dedication to the greater Burbank area.

HONORING JUDGE HORACE T. WARD

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Judge Horace T. Ward is a tenacious man of many gifts, talents and much wisdom who has served this nation nobly as private citizen, soldier, lawyer, state senator and federal judge; and

Whereas, Judge Horace T. Ward rose from humble beginnings in LaGrange, Georgia showing unusual academic achievement from an early age by graduating as Valedictorian of his high school class, matriculating to Morehouse College and Atlanta University where he eventually earned the Master's Degree; and

Whereas, he demonstrated an interest in studying law at a young age when he met one of the few African American lawyers in Georgia at the time, the great A. T. Walden, and set his sights on the University of Georgia Law School in an era of strict segregation; and

Whereas, he continued his fight to study at UGA for more than six long years and in the interim received his law degree from Northwestern University in Illinois and honorably served his country in the Korean War, he then returned to Georgia and made history as part of a legal team that successfully adjudicated the desegregation of the University of Georgia, thus opening educational opportunities to succeeding generations of African American students; and

Whereas, Judge Ward again made history in 1979 when President Jimmy Carter appointed him as the first African American to serve on the U.S. Federal bench in Georgia as a District Court Judge for the Northern District where he served honorably and well; and

Whereas, the Seventh Day Adventist Church is today honoring Judge Ward, an elder in the church, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has also set aside this day to honor and recognize Judge Horace T. Ward for his outstanding leadership and service to all citizens in the state of Georgia, including and especially the citizens of our district; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 8, 2014 as Judge Horace T. Ward Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of February, 2014.

HONORING THE LATE MOSE "BILBO" ALLEN, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, the late Mose "Bilbo" Allen, Sr. Mr. Allen has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Mose "Bilbo" Allen, Sr. was born August 27, 1922, in Murphy, Mississippi, to the late Sarah and Richard Allen. He was a humble and caring man who was always in good spirit. He accepted Christ on July 1, 2013 at the Goodwill M.B. Church.

Mr. Allen was a veteran of World War II from December 1942 until January 1946, where he earned several medals, including the ATO Medal, APTO Medal, Philippine LIB Ribbon with two bronze stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

He met and married Ruby Allen on December 25, 1946, in Rolling Fork, Mississippi and to that union, 13 children were born and he loved them with all his soul.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mr. Mose "Bilbo" Allen, Sr. for his dedication to serving our great Country and his community.

LITTLE SOLDIERS—IN HONOR OF TAPS AND ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE FALLEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, on this up and coming Memorial Day I rise today in honor of all the children of the fallen and their families of TAPS. The ones who have lost their greatest loves, their most precious mothers and fathers. Out prayers go out to them, as we see their parents in their faces each day as they grow up. And we are reminded of them as they warm our hearts. I ask that this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

LITTLE SOLDIERS
 (By Albert Caswell)

Attention . . . Little Soldiers . . .
 Boys and Girls . . .
 Strengthen your hearts,
 for you were once your parent's world!
 Remember you were your parents greatest joy!